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E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ALLEGED GVN POLITICAL STALLING TACTICS

REF: SECSTATE 75133

1. WE DISCUSSED SUN- TIMES AND TIME MAGAZINE STORIES CONTAINED REFTEL APRIL 24 WITH MFA ( KY). KY SAID THAT SUCH STORIES SEEMED TO BE BASED ON IMAGINATION AND WERE NOT TRUE. HE POINTED OUT THAT IN PARIS THE GVN IN FACT HAS BEEN SEEKING TO AFIND SOME WAY TO GET THE COMMUNISTS TO AGREE TO AN AGENDA WHICH WOULD PRODUCE NEGOTIATIONS. HE ALSO POINTED OUT, AS HE HAS DONE BEFORE, THAT TO ACCEPT THE COMMUNIST PROPOSAL THAT " DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES" BE THE FIRST AGENDA ITEM WOULD BE TO CONDEMN THE PARIS TALKS TO MONTHS OF STERILE HAGGLING AND PROPAGANDA ON THE SUBJECT OF CIVILIAN DETAINEES.

2. AT THE SAME TIME KY MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE DID NOT THINK THE COMMUNISTS HAD ANY INTENTION OF NEGOTIATING A SETTLEMENT AT PARIS. IT SEEMED TO HIM THAT THE COMMUNISTS WERE CONTINUING TO FOLLOW THEIR OLD POLICY OF TALK, TALK -- FIGHT, FIGHT AND THAT CONCESSIONS ON THE GVN SIDE, HOWEVER SINCERELY INTENDED, WERE NOT LIKELY TO PRODUCE COMMUNIST CONCESSIONS IN RETURN.

3. COMMENT: THE GVN RECENTLY HAS BEEN FOLLOWING A MORE  
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OPEN PUBLICITY POLICY CONCERNING ITS POSITION BOTH AT THE TALKS  
IN PARIS AND IN THE TWO- PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION IN  
SAIGON. A COURSE WE HAVE BEEN URGING FOR SOME TIME. THIS  
SHOULD RESULT IN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING ON THE PART OF THE  
AMERICAN PRESS OF THE EFFORTS THE GVN HAS MADE TO GET REAL  
NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE COMMUNISTS STARTED. HOWEVER, AS  
INDEED KY POINTED OUT, MUCH OF THE PRESS IS BIASED AND IT MAY  
TAKE SOME TIME BEFORE THE TRUTH SHINES THROUGH.  
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